

**RELEASE MECHANISM FOR  
DISCONNECTING INTERNAL FIBER FROM AN OPTICAL MODULE**

**ABSTRACT**

Described is a release mechanism for disconnecting internal fiber from an optical module. The optical module comprises a board, a faceplate, an adapter connected to the faceplate, a fiber optic cable assembly having a fiber optic cable and a release tab that connects the fiber optic cable to the adapter, and an actuator. The actuator is connected to the board for rotational movement

- 5 about a pivot point between a first position in which the actuator is adjacent to the release tab of the fiber optic cable assembly and a second position in which the actuator engages the release tab and urges the release tab into an unlatched position so that the fiber optic cable assembly can be disconnected from the adapter of the optical module.